

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 4, 6, 11, 16 and 26-31 have now been canceled. Claims 32-46 have been added. The new claims correspond to the claims proposed by the Examiner. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification and claims as indicated by the Examiner. The Office is authorized to withdraw any fee that may become due in connection with the claim amendments from *Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P.* Account No. 50-1212/DEKA:287US.

B. Claims Objection

The Action objected to claims 6 and 11 for informalities. Applicants note that the claims have been deleted and thus the objection is now moot.

C. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Action rejects claims 3, 6, 11, 14, 16 and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

With respect to claims 3 and 14 Applicants note that the claims have been amended herein as suggested and thus it is believed that the rejection is now moot. With respect to the remaining claims Applicants respectfully traverse but note that the claims have been canceled herein and thus the rejection is now moot.

D. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph – Written Description

The Action rejects claims 6, 11, 24, 25 and 27-31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to convey that Applicants were in possession of the claimed invention. In response, Applicants respectfully traverse but note that the claims have been canceled herein in the interest of compact prosecution. The rejection is therefore now moot.

E. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph - Enablement

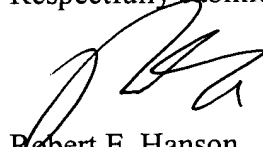
The Action rejects claims 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly not enabled. Applicants respectfully traverse but note that the claims have been canceled herein in the interest of compact prosecution. The rejection is therefore now moot.

F. Conclusion

This is submitted to be a complete response to the referenced Office Action. In conclusion, Applicant submits that, in light of the foregoing remarks, the present case is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (512) 536-3085 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Hanson', written over the typed name.

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